

REMARKS

In the above-identified application, the sole pending claim was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 on the grounds that certain subject matter thereof is not described in the Specification in such a way as to reasonably convey that each “photo-electric conversion part” has “an amplifier for amplifying an output signal” therefrom. In this regard, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection for the reasons given below. As a basis for the above-referenced rejection, the Examiner apparently determined that the part 10 in Fig. 4A constituted a disclosure of a “photo-electric conversion part” as referred to in the first clause of Claim 36. Instead, Applicant stresses that the details of such part 10 are disclosed in Fig. 7 of the drawings, wherein the photo-electric conversion part is the photo diode 20. It follows from this understanding of Applicant’s invention that the amplifier referred to in the second clause of Claim 36 is the source-follower circuit 22, as shown in Fig. 7, which is referred to at Page 25, lines 14 and 15 of the Specification.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing explanation of the meaning of the terms “photo-electric conversion part” and “amplifier” makes it clear that such elements are fully described in the Specification.

For these reasons it is believed that Claim 36 is in condition for allowance, and a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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